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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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1. This communication is responsive to 5/29/07 amendment.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
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6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

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Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Reginald Lucas on 8/20/07.
3. The application has been further amended as follows:

Claims 2-8 have been amended as follows:

2. ~~A graphical element selection program~~ The computer-readable medium according to claim 1,

wherein said water source model consist of a model of arbitrary shape to which added is an attribute for distinguishing said water source model from the model being an object of graphical element selection.

3. ~~A graphical element selection program~~ The computer-readable medium according to claim 2,

wherein said water source model consists of a model of water tap shape.

4. ~~A graphical element selection program~~ The computer-readable medium according to claim 1,

wherein said function for selecting at least one surface constituting the concave portion including said intersecting surface creates differential models by a difference set

operation to subtract said model from the smallest cube enclosing said model, specifies a particular differential model that is matched geometrically and positionally with said intersecting surface from said differential models, and selects surfaces that are matched geometrically and positionally with the specified differential model by comparing all surfaces of the model with the specified differential model.

5. ~~A graphical element selection program~~ The computer-readable medium according to claim 1,

wherein, when at least one surface constituting the concave portion including said intersecting surface is selected, a display color thereof is changed.

6. ~~A graphical element selection program~~ The computer-readable medium according to claim 1,

wherein said functions are executed in real time with the movement of said water source model.

7. ~~A graphical element selection program~~ The computer-readable medium according to claim 1,

wherein said functions are executed when said water source model is stopped after its movement.

8. ~~A graphical element selection program~~ The computer-readable medium according to claim 1,

wherein said functions are executed when a finalization operation is performed on said intersecting surface that is shown explicitly while said water source model is being moved.

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Lê Nguyen whose telephone number is **(571) 272-4068**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm (EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid, can be reached at (571) 272-4063.

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